



OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Commissioners

From: James R. English, City Attorney

Date: April 14, 2004

Re: Planning Commission Counsel

Silvia M. Alderman is stepping down as counsel to the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Commission after 14 years of service. She has done an exemplary job, and we have been fortunate to have a person of her caliber serve the Planning Commission for so long.

In cooperation with Leon County, a Request for Proposals was issued for a replacement. Five responses to the Request for Proposals were received and reviewed by a selection committee made up of Burt Davy, Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission; Suzanne Schmith, Assistant County Attorney; Linda Hurst, Assistant City Attorney; Wayne Tedder, Director, Planning Department; and Jean Gregory, Comprehensive Planning Manager-Comprehensive and Environmental Planning. Four of the firms were interviewed by the selection committee, and ranked as follows:

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| 1. | Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP | 86 |
| 2. | Oertel, Fernandez & Cole, P.A. | 72.7 |
| 3. | Law Offices of Robert C. Apgar | 69.2 |
| 4. | McFarlain & Casedy, P.A. | 62.6 |

In fulfilling my responsibility, pursuant to Section 29 of the City's Charter, to select the Planning Commission counsel, it is my pleasure to inform you that I have selected Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley as Planning Commission counsel. Chris H. Bentley and Diane D. Tremor, both highly experienced in planning and growth management law, will be primarily responsible for the firm's work with the Planning Commission.

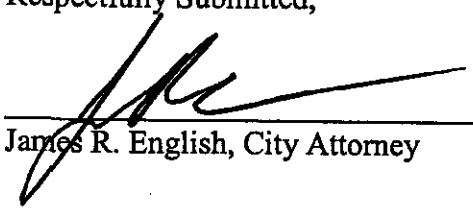
A transition plan is in place, and it is expected that Ms. Alderman's last meeting with the Planning Commission as its counsel will be May 4. She has offered to assist Mr. Bentley and Mr. Tremor as necessary.

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The Leon County Board of County Commissioners must approve the appointment for the County. It is my understanding that the item is on the agenda for April 27th.

Respectfully Submitted,



James R. English, City Attorney

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cc: Jane Sauls, Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
Dave Fronczak, Chairman Planning Commission
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Michael Wright, Assistant City Manager
Herbert W. A. Thiele, County Attorney
Chris H. Bentley, Esquire
Burt Davy, Planning Commissioner
Wayne Tedder, Director Planning Department
Robert Herman, Director Growth Management